

SUMMER 2009 NEWSLETTER

2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jon Davis – President/Maintenance

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Linda Williams - Secretary/Roads

William Norris - Recreation

William Omberg – Access Control

Steve Scott

- ! The Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Association's Community Room. All members are welcome to attend.

Other scheduled meetings:

- ! The Architectural Control Committee meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Association's Community Room.
- ! The Compliance Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Association's Community Room, as needed.

POOL NEWS

Opening Date: Saturday, May 23rd

Hours of Operation: 11 am - 8 pm, Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day weekend, all weekends, every day after school summer vacation begins.

3 pm - 8 pm, afternoons before school summer vacation begins

We will celebrate the opening of the new pool with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 am, Saturday, May 23rd. We will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs and offering cold drinks at the pavilion closest to the

pool from 11 am - 1 pm. Please come and help celebrate!

The pool will be closed during serious inclement weather, including thunderstorms, but will reopen after the dangerous weather has passed.

Once you enter the pool area, be prepared to sign in and show your recreation tags to the lifeguard or volunteer. Recreation tags will be checked each time you enter the pool area. If you do not have your recreations tags, entrance will be denied.

Please cooperate with the lifeguards, observe all safety regulations, and assure that your children and guests do the same!

When using the pool, please park your car in the pool parking lot. It is accessed via the driveway past the pool. **Do not use the office parking lot as there is limited space for people stopping by the association office. There is plenty of parking for you in the pool parking area.**

In response to many requests by adult swimmers, the pool will be open from 9 am – 10:00 am for “Adult Swim”. Swimmers 21 years of age and older only – no one under 21 will be allowed in the pool area! As this is “swim at your own risk”, each swimmer will have to sign a liability waiver form prior to using the facility. Entrance will be through the community building.

Loud radios, food, drinks in glass containers, roughhousing, and seeking entrance without recreation tags, etc. will not be allowed.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE- ERIC L. STOTT

Please remember, **ALL** construction (including new homes, decks, sheds, fences and additions) must be approved by the ACC as set out in the Deed of Dedication. Unapproved structures are in violation of the covenants.

The ACC meets on the second Wednesday of each month. **All plans** to be considered at a given meeting must be submitted to the PLPOA Office by the ACC deadline date (16 days prior to the meeting date, always a Monday). Plans submitted after that meeting's deadline date will not be considered until the next meeting.

Mailboxes must be black or wood on a wood post. The black plastic all-in-one boxes are acceptable. If you have a separate newspaper box, it must also be made of wood. The plastic boxes given out by carriers are not acceptable.

If you wish to remove trees from your property, any tree larger than 6" in diameter at 4.5' high must be approved for removal by the ACC. Trees dead, diseased or dying do not require permission, but please let the office know when you are cutting trees down for that reason.

RECREATION NEWS

Please remember to carry your recreation tags with you when using any of the amenities. **All members of your party, 10 years and older, need a recreation tag.** If you plan on having extra guests, please call the PLPOA Office at 775-7000 to find out how to obtain extra tags for the day. One-day tags for guests cost \$2.50/ tag. To plan ahead for unexpected guests, the Association offers a sheet of 10 day tags for the price of 8, \$20.00. These may be purchased in advance and used when needed. Access Control guards or the lifeguards will date them when you and your guests use the amenities. These one-day passes are good for use thru April 30, 2010. **The purchase of these one-day tags is non-refundable.** Please plan ahead as one-day tags are only available through the PLPOA office Monday – Friday. Children may not purchase guest passes.

- Please enjoy skateboarding and/or rollerblading by using the multi-purpose court (basketball court) for those activities. Some of the parking areas surrounding landscaping do not escape damage when this area is used as a skating arena. Please inform your kids and remember that if your children are using these amenities, recreations tags are required. **Do not skate on any of the picnic pavilions as picnic tables will be damaged!**
- Report any vandalism to the PLPOA Office, 775-7000.
- Dogs and other pets are not allowed on the beach, pavilion, pool area, or in the playground. **PET OWNERS:** It is your responsibility to make certain your pet is under your control at all times and not allowed to become a nuisance to others. Dogs which bark constantly and roam are a nuisance. Ask your neighbors! If your neighbors wanted pets, they'd have them!
- Please counsel your children about not diving off the pavilion from the rails and roof. The pavilion roof is much too high from which to dive safely. The water is not deep enough for that! Also, by diving from the roof and rails, damage to the pavilion itself occurs. Both actions are against regulations and members and guests will be reminded if seen doing either one.
- Remember! Charcoal fires only are permitted in the fire pits on the lake pavilion and in the new park grills near the pavilions.
- The discharge of firearms within the Presidential Lakes is not permitted.

ACCESS CONTROL NEWS– BILL OMBERG

Our uniformed access control guards are now on duty. As during last summer, these personnel will rove, but will be stationed mainly at Lake Monroe. They will be checking all persons using amenities for recreation tags and generally making sure that rules are followed. They are here primarily to control access to the common areas and are not here "on call" for member emergencies. **Our access control guards are not law-enforcement officers.** During PLPOA Office hours (Monday - Friday, 9 - 4), Mrs. Thornton will assist you should you have a question about a particular incident. If you feel unsafe or if there is suspicious or criminal activity in your area, please contact the King George County Sheriff's

Department at 775-2049 IMMEDIATELY. For emergencies only - 911. The Sheriff's Department is your first resource for help in emergencies.

- Please remember!! The speed limit in Presidential Lakes is 25 MPH! For everyone's safety, please slow down. Many walkers, joggers, and parents walking with children are sharing the road. Slow down out there!
- Do not shortcut through other residents' property to enter the common areas. All members have access to the lakes through the common areas only. Use only these entrances to the lakes if you wish to fish or swim. Lots are private property all the way to the shore of the lakes! You are trespassing if you make use of private lots and can be so charged!
- The new nature trail off Tompkins Dr. may be accessed **only** from Tompkins. We have had several complaints from homeowners at the end of Curtis Circle that people are using their property as shortcuts to Lake Jefferson. You have no right to do this. Access to all lakes for non-lakefront owners is only through the common areas located on the lakes.
- We have several sharp turns/curves here in Presidential Lakes. Please stay on your own side of the curve and slow down!! It's a really bad day when you meet someone coming around the curve on your side!!
- **TO THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO RIDE ATV'S, DIRTBIKES, AND OTHER UNLICENSED VEHICLES:** Do not allow your children to ride these vehicles on Presidential Lakes roads or in our common areas. We have many blind curves on our roads, making them unsafe for these types of vehicles particularly when ridden by inexperienced operators. The PLPOA office has received numerous complaints from homeowners regarding these vehicles on the roads – they are not allowed on the roads by PLPOA regulations and by state law. PLPOA roads are state roads for law-enforcement purposes – you would not allow them to ride on Rt. 3 – don't allow them to ride on PLPOA roads or other common areas. You'll have to find another place for them to ride.
- If there is a storm and you find your road blocked during non-office hours, please call the Sheriff's Dispatch Office at 775-2049. They will contact us to get the tree removed.

OTHER NEWS

- **2009 dues and assessments are past due!** Dues and assessments are due on March 1 every year and are late after March 15th. Dues must be paid before you may obtain Recreation Tags, guest passes, or rent amenities. Amount now due: **\$645.16**. This amount is good through May 31, 2009. Additional interest will accrue if paid after that date.
- Should you experience a water outage or other water problem, please call the following numbers to report it or find out more information:
For homes in section 14: Presidential Services Company: 540-891-6673
For homes in sections 1 – 13: King George County Facilities Dept. – 775-2746

- As our maintenance crew mows the sides of the roads, they have noticed a number of residents have piled up brush and logs in the ditchlines apparently for pickup. The association does not pickup debris - you must dispose of this yourself. Piling it up in the ditchlines prevents maintenance from mowing that area and obstructs the flow of water in the ditchline.
- Refuse Containers - They are not part of our natural environment.... Think of your neighbors, have pride in your neighborhood and remove yours in a timely manner after refuse pickup.
- Interested in recycling? King George County offers free recycling bins to county residents. Recyclables include glass, plastic, metal/aluminum cans, used oil, batteries, tires, paper and newspaper. To find out more please contact: Bridgid Maciejewski, Solid Waste Inspector, Department of Solid Waste. Office# 775-3123 x 119. E-mail: bmaciejewski@co.kinggeorge.state.va.us

ROADS NEWS - LINDA WILLIAMS

- Near the corner of Jefferson and Adams, a culvert runs under Jefferson. The area around the culvert is eroding and the culvert needs to be replaced. The same is happening to a culvert running under Reagan near 8372 Reagan Dr. Culvert work is anticipated in these two areas during the summer months - specific dates are not known. If you normally drive these areas, please plan an alternate route prior to closure. The closures are expected to last one week at most depending on the weather, however, the road surface will remain rough for a while because the dirt will need to settle before final resurfacing. We are replacing these culverts because water is no longer running within the designated culvert causing the roadbed to deteriorate which belies the seemingly good road surface that currently exists.
- Presidential Lakes requested a turn lane designation at our exit on Madison Dr. at the new traffic light. That lane designation request has been denied. It is up to us to be considerate of each other. If you are turning left onto Rt. 3 or going straight across Rt. 3, do NOT position your car to take up the entire lane. Staying closer to the left will allow those cars turning right to exit Presidential Lakes without having to wait for the signal to turn.
- When exiting left from Wheeler Road onto Igo Road, position your car so that those turning right from Igo onto Wheeler have sufficient room to make the right-hand turn without going onto the shoulder. There are no options to expand the road width. The potholes created by folks driving on the shoulder will be addressed.
- Mailboxes and Road Deterioration - If you have a pot hole forming due to mail delivery, please fill it or move your mailbox closer to the road surface.

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Return Service Requested